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Proposed law applies to the licensing of hospitals with emergency services.

Proposed law does not apply to an off-site campus of a hospital, critical access hospitals, rural hospitals, physician-owned hospitals not providing 24-hour emergency medical services, or hospitals owned or operated by a political subdivision.

Proposed law requires hospitals maintain 30 inpatient and 15 emergency department beds to either be issued a hospital license or renew its license. Further requires full compliance with federal Emergency Treatment and Active Labor Act of 1986 (EMTALA).

Effective August 1, 2026.

(Adds R.S. 40:2115.34)